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Valentine's  
Day**Spartan Weather**

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## Threats are a concern, bombs are unlikely

By Jordan Robertson

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Rich Barbaria said his reaction to bomb threats hasn't changed much throughout the years.

The San Jose State University junior recalled his nonchalant response when his middle school,

Mount Carmel in Redwood City, was evacuated because of a bomb threat.

Barbaria, who was in eighth grade, said he walked casually out of the school and hoped he would be allowed to go home.

"I look at it as a way to get the hell out of class. I just walk out

and go home," Barbaria said, echoing the response of a number of other SJSU students who said they are no longer scared of bomb threats. "I look at it as kind of a release. It's cool. It's kind of a surprise day off that the school gives you."

Three Bay Area college cam-

puses have been evacuated in recent weeks because of threats of violence.

In the case of De Anza College in Cupertino, it was because a student had allegedly planned to blow up buildings on campus.

Two days later, Las Positas College in Livermore and Santa

Clara University evacuated their campuses because of bomb threats that were called in. Both threats turned out to be false.

For years, college campuses have received bomb threats from students hoping to avoid taking final exams, SJSU administrators said.

But now, the administrators said, it seems students are becoming increasingly frustrated throughout the school year — not just at finals time.

President Robert Caret, whose son attends De Anza, said the

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## Rubbers and responsibility



Anthony Ricalde played "Who wants to be a Sexpert?" from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union Amphitheater. This week the Student Health

Center is celebrating National Sexual Responsibility and National Condom Week. He was the first 'sexpert' of the week.

Yoshie Sejima / Daily Staff

### 'Who Wants to be a Sexpert?' aimed at promoting sexual accountability

By Jena Torres

DAILY STAFF WRITER

A basket full of candy, condoms, lubricants and champagne glasses was the prize for the winner of the "Who Wants to be a Sexpert?" game played Tuesday in the Student Union Amphitheater.

The event was held to celebrate National Sexual Responsibility Week and National Condom Week, said Idelle Fraser, coordinator of the Peer Health Education Program on campus that sponsored the contest.

Members of the program recruited students from the sparse crowd to be contestants in the game, which was set

up in the same format as the "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" television show.

"We want to promote sexual responsibility, so we have questions about sexually transmitted diseases, safer sex and general questions about the Student Health Center," Fraser said.

Three rounds of the game were

played and contestants were given "life-lines" such as asking the audience or asking the expert, Dr. Jeanne Scott, who works in the Student Health Center.

The game-show host, Nick Martinez, the general manager of KSJS (90.5 FM), followed contestants' responses

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### Student Health Center spreads safe-sex brochures, STD information

By Karen Kabiling

DAILY STAFF WRITER

While fraternities, sororities and clubs sold candy-grams and valentine baskets, the Student Health Center gave away free condoms and safe-sex brochures to celebrate National Condom Week in front of the Student Union on Monday.

Since many people think about love this time of year, the day was created to encourage sexually active people to love safely, said Michael Stalker, director of media relations for American Social Health Association.

For the past 11 years, the association has been supporting National Condom Day, Stalker said.

Sexually active people are at a greater risk of being infected with a sexually transmitted disease, Stalker said.

"Since many with an STD don't know they have one, it's in everyone's interest to protect themselves and their partners," he said. "Of course, the only 100-percent effective way to prevent sexually transmitted diseases is to not have sex. However, for people who do have sex, the best protection available is a condom."

An estimated 15.3 million cases of STDs will occur this year, nearly 10 million of which will effect people between the ages of 15 and 24, Stalker said.

"It's important for people to know that if they have sex, they are at risk for getting an STD. The only way to know is to get tested," Stalker said.

The Student Health Center offers numerous services available to students and faculty from STD testing to individual counseling, and "a lot of people don't know the services are free," said Dr. Jeanne Scott, a family practitioner at the Student Health Center.

Michelle Lozada, a team leader of the gender and sexual health track program, emphasized that the Peer Health Education Program tries to inform students about sexual responsibility and the use of condoms and contraceptives.

Lozada said the program holds special events to promote National Condom

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## Get your groove on at V-day dance

By Yesenia Santana

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Men are to lead and women are to follow this Friday when San Jose State University's English Society is scheduled to hold a Valentine's Day Dance for novices and experts alike.

### PREVIEW

The dance, which will serve as a fund-raiser for the society, is slated from 7:30 p.m. to midnight in the Ron Barrett Ballroom of the Student Union.

The English Society, a club that was revived during the Fall '00 semester, is charging a \$10 entry fee at the door for the semiformal event.

For the novice dancer, beginning lessons are scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.

For the experts, the party begins at 9 p.m.

A professional dance show is designed for 10 p.m. and the par-

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—Violet Bo, SJSU freshman

tygoers will be able to take the floor for the rest of the night.

"Ballroom dancing is extremely popular," said human performance Professor Bethany Shifflett.

Violet Do, a freshman majoring in business, said she is familiar with some of the ballroom dances.

She said she signed up for HuP 046A, a beginning social-dance class.

"It's really fun. You get to experience different kinds of dances like the fox trot, the cha-cha, the tango, the rumba and swing," Do said. "Right now we

are learning to do swing. We just finished our first dance, which was fox trot, and it's really fun."

Do said swing was hard to describe, but said that the dance basics were "side, side, back, back (steps) and you turn a lot."

Tu Nguyen, a senior majoring in electrical engineering, said he was learning the fox trot and swing steps.

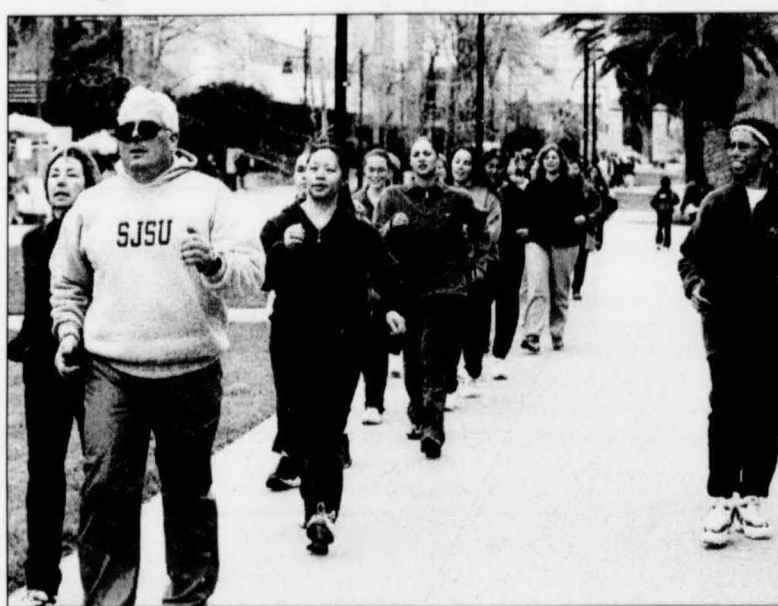
"Some of my friends introduced me to the dance," Nguyen

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### SJSU'S ENGLISH SOCIETY VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

- **When:** 7:30 p.m. to midnight, Friday, Feb. 16
- **What:** 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.; dance lessons; 9 p.m. to midnight, open dancing
- **Where:** Barrett Ballroom in the Student Union
- **How Much:** \$10 per person at the door
- **Dress:** Semiformal

## Hey, we're walkin' here ...



**Stephen Muto, an Open University student,** leads the way as students power-walk around campus with their instructor, Carol Sullivan, right. Sullivan teaches a fitness walking class that meets at 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

David Bitton / Daily Staff



# OPPOSING VIEWS

Should remedial classes be required and is SJSU's remediation policy fair?

## Remediation teaches the basics while preparing students for the real world

There is nothing more awkward than being put in a position where you are unprepared. It can cause stress and panic because the answers are much more difficult to find. Remedial classes and San Jose State University's policies on those courses have begun to stir some issues with students.

Incoming freshmen must take two placement tests before admission. One of them is the English Placement Test, which is designed to test a student's reading comprehension and his or her ability to construct an organized essay.

The second is the Entry Level Mathematics Exam. These tests measure how well the student has retained their knowledge from high school. Failure to pass these tests makes it necessary for the student to take remedial courses in order to catch up.

According to a study presented to the CSU Board of Trustees, nearly 65 percent of all incoming freshmen need remedial courses.

The problem arises when the student does not pass the remedial courses.

Jennifer Maione, SJSU's assistant director of language development center, said if anyone must take remedial courses, he or she only has one year to complete them.

If the students fail to do so, they can be dismissed from the university.

In most cases, students are given an academic leave, where they are given the opportunity to catch up at a community college.

"I agree students need to address their deficiencies early," said Susan McClory, the coordinator of developmental mathematics. "But one year to do this might be unreasonable."

Coming out of high school, I was not sure what to expect from college.

What I did know was that it was going to be more of a challenge than high school.

After graduating, the natural assumption is that one will move on to a higher institution with new challenges and new experiences.

A person cannot advance without taking care of the fundamentals first.

Like I've always been told: "You have to learn to walk before you can run."

Colleges are responsible for training their students and preparing them to face the professional world.

A university could lose credibility and integrity as a successful institution for sending a young adult out into the world "without the goods," so to speak.

People who are not properly trained are more likely to make errors than people who are confident because they have been taught the basics and know how to apply the theories.

Maione said there are two remedial classes students can be placed in based on their EPT scores.

If they earn a score of 141 or below they will be put into a class referred to as LLD 001.

If they score between 142 and 148 they will be put into the other, called LLD 002.

Both courses teach basic skills in reading comprehension and how to organize and write an essay.

In my eyes, these standards are fair.

All students attending college should have some requirements they need to fulfill because that is part of life.

College is a preparation for the professional world, and it requires a certain level of competency.

It is important to take care of the basics early so that students can begin to learn immediately and prepare for what is in store.

Furthermore, when upper division general education rolls around, students are asked to progress further yet to a higher level.

Classes demand papers longer in length and that require hours of research.

Without English 1A and 1B, a student will have not been taught how to accomplish this.

It is important to see remedial classes for what they are: a remedy intended to help students so that they will not struggle in the future.

Kevin Higuchi is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.

## Colleges should accommodate all students and help them grow academically

I couldn't agree more with the California State University's policy on remedial classes, which requires every student who applies to any of its 23 campuses to be fully proficient in math and English before moving on to a higher learning.

Whoever came up with the idea deserves credit. Though student participation was missing, CSU cared enough for students to have appointed an advisory made up of faculty and administration to make entry-level math and English recommendations.

Everything about executive order 665, the policy in question, would seem perfect on the surface, at least. The major flaw to the order, however, is that it gives students one year to pass the math and English classes.

I suppose it is doable for a good segment of the students that needs remediation, but what I wonder is how overwhelmed these freshmen must feel, knowing that their continued enrollment in the university depends on their passing the classes.

One year seems like a pretty tall order, especially when two-thirds of the regularly admitted first-time freshmen here at San Jose State University need remediation, according to CSU's remediation rates Web site. It means they must absorb in less than 36 weeks the information the K-12 system failed to teach them.

The remediation rates for 1999 through 2000 indicate 69 percent of San Jose State University students gained remediation proficiency before their second year. Yet, 11 percent did not complete remediation and were not permitted to re-enroll. Another 15 percent left the campus unremediated.

I don't know about you, but that's far too many students who cannot find support in an environment that has a purpose to promote education and build student morale.

Even the loss of a handful of students should be reason for concern. In his essay "Executive Order 665 and Equal Access," Phil Brocato, an education doctoral candidate at the University of Southern California, questioned the policy's effectiveness.

"The Cal State University system was created to help the very students it may be systematically eliminating," he wrote.

But, who are these students applying for admission to the CSU system?

Some may not be the children of parents living in the best and most expensive neighborhoods, although there are exceptions.

One of the reasons I decided to attend SJSU because I knew, for sure, I would be accepted and welcomed into the CSU system.

Entrance into a private four-year college would have been difficult. I believed my education at SJSU would be just as adequate as it would have been had I attended any other institution, and its cost fit my bill.

CSU students affected by the policy, Brocato believes, come from low socioeconomic areas and are the first to go to college in their families.

"There is a high correlation between college preparedness and socioeconomic status," he wrote.

For an urban campus like ours, the need for remediation is higher because the students have not been prepared at the K-12 system to move onto college.

According to Brocato, CSU wants to decrease remediation to prepare for "Title Wave II," the explosion of baby boomers' children coming to college. To save money and make room for Title Wave II, someone has to move out. Students who are struggling to develop intellectually and striving to rise above their economic status seem to be good candidates.

Efforts are under way to reduce remediation to 10 percent by 2007. The Chronicle of Higher Education, a weekly journal for educators, reported in its Aug. 4, 2000 issue that 150 high schools in California, almost one-fifth of the total, are participating in a program designed to prepare prospective freshmen for college.

A \$9 million grant from the Legislature provides training workshops to teachers and university placement tests to students. It is, however, still too early to predict the outcomes.

Brocato, on the other hand, already has an answer.

"Ten percent," Brocato wrote, "is not realistic for areas not well-served by their K-12 and without aggressive education reform."

As for the students on our campus feeling the pressure and wanting to attain a higher education, I say why not give them extra time. They are not solely to blame for being deficient in math and English. Surely, these students can process more information in a nurturing environment.

I found it particularly disturbing that the Chronicle of Higher Education reported that 1,260 CSU students did not finish the remedial work and dropped out.

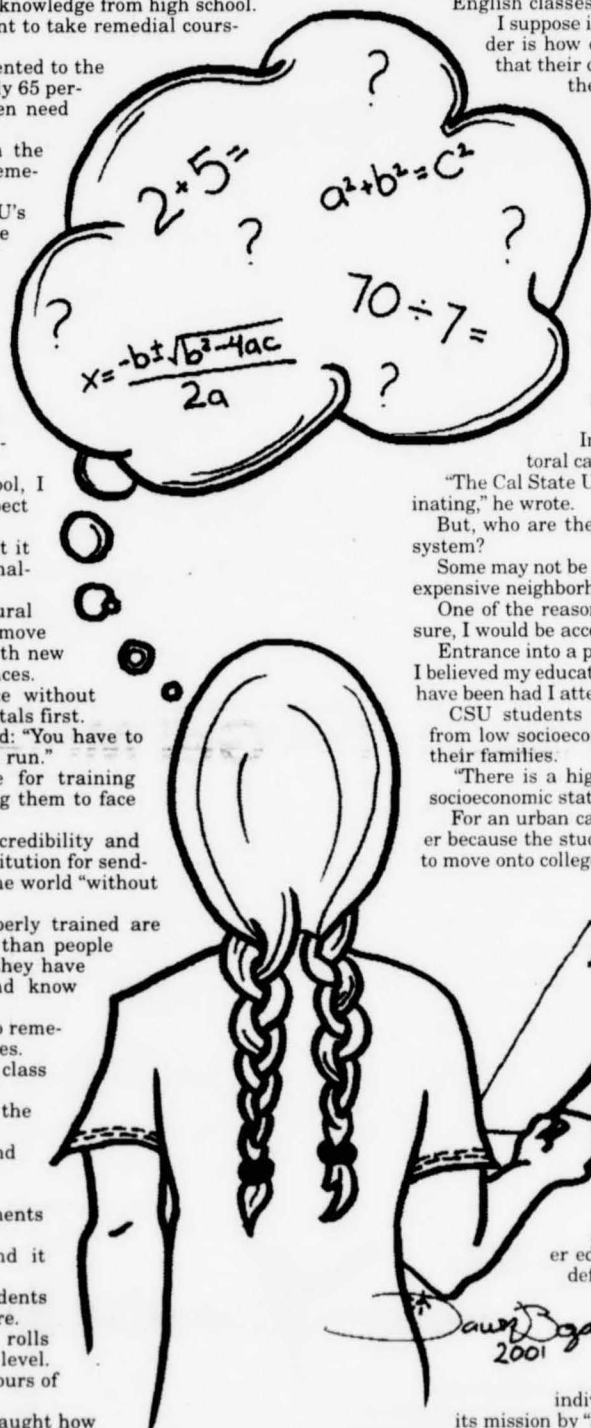
One of CSU's mission statements is "to provide opportunities for individuals to develop intellectually, personally and professionally." It aims to accomplish its mission by "seeking out individuals with collegiate promise who face cultural, geographical, physical, educational, financial or personal barriers to assist them in advancing to the highest educational levels they can reach."

Yet, I do not see how it can fulfill its mission when it turns away an individual who may face an educational or personal barrier and who needs a little more time.

Why does CSU want to eliminate the very students that set it apart from other educational systems?

J.E. Espino is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.

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DAILY STAFF WRITER

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## TALKING HEADS

Is the university's one-year deadline to pass remedial classes unfair?



"I don't think it's a good idea because they're new to college, and they might need a chance to adjust to college life."

— Damon Belanger  
senior  
advertising



"I think it's fair because college is serious. Students without basics may not pass other classes later. People have to be at a certain level at a university."

— Diep Nguyen  
junior  
child development



"The first time students get into school, they're not familiar with the university ... and may fail. We should give them a chance to stay and see how they do."

— Dung Hoang  
junior  
computer science



"I don't think it's fair. This is an institution about education. We're here to learn. If they (students) are having trouble, they should be getting extra help within the program to pass the classes."

— Andrea Dawson  
sophomore  
art



"I think it's not fair because you can't judge a student's capability on one class."

— Vishal Desai  
grad student  
chemical engineering



"I don't think a year is fair, but yeah, there should be a consequence. You've got to keep moving. It's (the policy) fair to an extent but unfair within the given time."

— Joyce Devera  
sophomore  
marketing

Compiled by Jena Torres and photos by Mark Kocina



## A Valentine's Day history lesson

Whose bright idea was it to start this Valentine's Day stuff anyway? It just doesn't make sense. Why is there only one designated "day of love?"

I have always believed that Hallmark and See's Candies cooked up the tradition of giving cards, candy and flowers. But just as I learned that my theory about Halloween being made up by the candy companies was wrong, I found that Valentine's Day actually had a beginning too.

It was just good foresight on the flower, candy and card businesses to exploit the holiday beyond moral recognition.

According to the History Channel, the Catholic Church recognizes three saints named Valentine or Valentinus — all of whom were martyred.

The most common legend says that Valentine was a priest in Rome during the reign of Emperor Claudius II.

Apparently, Claudius didn't think it was such a bright idea for his soldiers to get married because they would want to spend time at home with their wives and families instead of out with the men fighting wars — perish the thought.

He went so far as to outlaw marriage for the young, single men of his empire.



**MICHELLE JEW**

*Spoiled*

So, as legend has it, Valentine, the goody-goody priest that he was, decided to marry the soldiers to their sweethearts in secret.

Like all good guys, however, Valentine was discovered and was put to death on Claudius' order.

In an other legend, Valentine is said to have sent the first "valentine greeting," while he was in prison.

Supposedly, he fell in love with a girl, perhaps the jailer's daughter, and before he was killed he sent her a love letter signed "from your Valentine."

But wait, it gets even more romantic than that.

During the middle ages in France and England, it was believed that ol' Valentine's Day marked the start of the birds' mating season — hence that "love-dovey," romantic feeling.

I don't see how that could be considered romantic.

Did the French just peek their heads out of the window one day

and say, "Hey, the birds are doing it — that means we should be doing it, too!"

Please, whoever gets their jollies from watching birds needs to check into a head-clinic on the double.

During the 17th century in Great Britain, it was said to be common to give small tokens of affection or cards on Valentine's Day.

Who would have known that three centuries later, we'd have cookie-cutter valentines with Elmo, Power Rangers and 'N Sync for little kids to give to their classmates?

To commemorate the day in which someone was killed for marrying single people, we pay inordinately high amounts of money for flowers that will die within the week, cards that will be opened and forgotten and candy that will be eaten and go straight to one's hips.

So, this year, I propose we start a new tradition.

Don't waste your money on cards, candy or flowers.

Get your valentine something they'll really remember and appreciate — after all, Valentine's Day only comes around once a year.

*Michelle Jew is the Spartan Daily Managing Editor. "Spoiled" appears Wednesdays.*

## SpartaGuide

Today

### Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Alliance

Meeting/discussion, 5 p.m. in the Costanoan room, located in the Student Union. For more information, call Shanna at 938-0803.

### sjspirit.org

Meditation — guided and instructional — All meditators welcome, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Chapel, located at 300 S. 10th St. For more information, call R. Wharton at 605-1687.

### Nutrition and Food Science Department

Two-for-one Valentine's special on the latest body composition testing. Cost is \$5, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Central Classroom building, Room 221. For more information, call Sherry at 206-7599.

### Students for Justice

Weekly meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the Pacheco room, located in the Student Union. For more information, call Vanessa at 924-4578.

### Chicano Commencement

General meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Chicano Resource Center in Modular A. For more information, call David Ruiz at 924-2991.

### A.S. Campus Recreation

Castle Rock hike pre-trip meeting, 5 p.m. in the Montalvo room, located in the Student Union. For more information, call

Matt McNamara at 924-6217.

### Linguistics & Language Development Studies Association (LLDSA)

Meeting, 1 p.m. at the Chicano Resource Center in the Pacifica room, located in the Student Union. For more information, call Dave Kaufman at 266-8946.

### Catholic Campus Ministry

Ask me about RAWD. What is it? Who is it? Where is it? 7 p.m. in the Newman Center, located at 300 S. 10th St. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

### School of Art and Design

Student galleries art exhibitions, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, call John or Nicole at 924-4330.

### Associated Students

Online scholarship applications at <http://scholarships.sjsu.edu>. For more information, call Maria Murphy at 924-6240.

### REACH Program

Re-Entry And Commuter Help Program, Brown Bag Valentine's Day special with Mary Moore of Counseling Services, "Something from the Heart," noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Pacheco room, located in the Student Union. For more information, call Jane Boyd at 924-5950.

### Department of Human Performance

HuP 001: Physical Activity for Students with Disabilities. Class space still available, 2:30 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. in SPX 90A. For more information, call Janet Clair at 924-3036.

Thursday

### SJSU Alumni Association

Deans' scholarships: 17 \$1,250 scholarships available to undergrad and grad students. Pick up application from any dean's office, deadline: March 1. For more information, call Ivy Low at 924-6524.

### ANEMIA, The SJSU Film Club

Another staggering presentation: Hal Hartley's "Henry Fool." Free admission. Free spirits, 9 p.m. in Sweeney Hall, Room 109. For more information, call Matteo at 286-4684.

### Tsunami Anime

Japanese anime club weekly meeting, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Washington Square Hall, Room 109. For more information, call Patrick Wong at 621-7536.

### Anthropology and Behavioral Science Club

Join us for a lecture and slide presentation of Dr. Mary Hegland — Talking Politics: A Village Widow During the Iranian Revolution, 4:30 p.m. in the Washington Square Hall, Room 004. For more information, call Marlene Elwell at 241-7471.

### Catholic Campus Ministry

Brown Bag Lunch Mass: Pray, eat and discuss any questions you have about the Catholic Faith, 12:10 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Social Hall, located at 10th and San Carlos streets. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

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## BOMB: No threats yet this semester

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averted plan at the college signals the need for counseling for "really, really frustrated" students.

"It brings home the danger," he said. "It's a siren that we seem to have created a society which has a lot of individuals who want to lash out at society."

Caret said SJSU has not received any bomb threats so far this semester but the university is prepared to handle an evacuation.

He cautioned, however, against faculty overreacting to projects by students that may be seen as threats.

"I think we should be vigilant," Caret said. "I don't think we should be paranoid."

Richard Staley, SJSU's emergency preparedness coordinator, said the chances of a full-scale evacuation are slim.

If a bomb threat was called in, and was verified as real, he said the only building likely to be evacuated would be the one where the bomb was reported.

"To evacuate the campus, that's a decision only the president or the president designee can make," Staley said. "We have, over the course of years, had numerous bomb threats, and we've generally evacuated only the building where the threat was received or the one where the threat was directed."

"If we were talking about a substantial-sized device," he continued, "we would close off a larger area of the campus."

Staley said every building on campus has emergency teams responsible for helping police during an evacuation.

The teams are composed mainly of staff members such as technicians, clerks and secretaries, but also include some faculty, Staley said.

When a bomb threat is received, the University Police Department is supposed to notify the senior building coordinator, the emergency team's primary contact.

From there, Staley said, UPD and the coordinator decide whether to evacuate.

Evacuation times vary, he said. "I find it hard to imagine a situation that would require evacuation of the entire campus," Stanley said. "We would be talking a very, very serious situation, and we've never done that. So I don't know how long it would take."

"You're talking about a realm of seriousness that is unlikely to occur," he added. "We could deal with it, but it's unlikely to happen."

Staley said he recommends that staff in each department pay attention to detail if they receive a bomb threat.

"We want the person receiving the call to ask a few basic questions if they can," he said. "We want to know when the bomb is going to go off, where it is located, what kind of device it is, what it looks like and why (the caller) put the bomb there."

Staley said it's also important to note the caller's speech patterns and whether there is any background noise, such as an airplane or freeway.

He said the person receiving the call should then dial 911.

Despite the fact that SJSU hasn't received any bomb threats this semester, Staley still said he recommended that students take any evacuation seriously.

"My biggest concern is indifference and apathy," he said. "When a building fire alarm is sounded, that means evacuate. It doesn't mean it's another false alarm ... it means evacuate now."

Sophomore Kelly Ferketich said it's wrong for students to ignore any kind of evacuation.

"If somebody says it, it's better to be safe than sorry," the radio, television and film major said. "Life is precious. You only get one shot. If we have a fire alarm or for any reason anyone said to evacuate the building, then I'll follow."

Ferketich said incidents like the alleged De Anza plan and the Columbine shooting still scare her.

"I still think, in the aftermath, there are a lot of pranks and jokes, but there was an incident at my high school ... where they found guns in a student's car," she said. "I think people see the media attention afterwards and say, 'It's my turn.' So you never know."

Chris Hebert, an assistant professor of sociology, said students are taking threats of violence more seriously than they ever have before.

"Students are probably a lot touchier about it," he said. "They're going to react more seriously to it today than before Columbine."

SJSU Sophomore Kurt Domine said three of his housemates were among those evacuated from the Santa Clara University campus earlier this month.

Domine said they expressed both elation and fear.

"They were happy because they went home early," the business major said. "They didn't have to go to school. But they were really scared about the power, mixed with stupidity, that people have over other people."

Domine said he's not afraid of bomb threats on campus.

"I think it's a pretty big step for someone to take — to take out a school," he said. "I would say it's possible, but not likely."

Barbaria, a mechanical engineering major, said he doesn't take evacuations seriously because most of the threats don't turn up real bombs.

"Somebody who really wants to blow up a building, realistically, is not going to call it in," he said.

The junior added that the power to force the evacuation of tens of thousands of students may be intoxicating to the callers.

"If they want to kill you, they'll kill you," he said. "I think it's just someone playing games."

"It's just a way to show power," Barbaria said. "Because what better way to show power than to call in a bomb threat?"

Instead, he is going to hire a disc jockey.

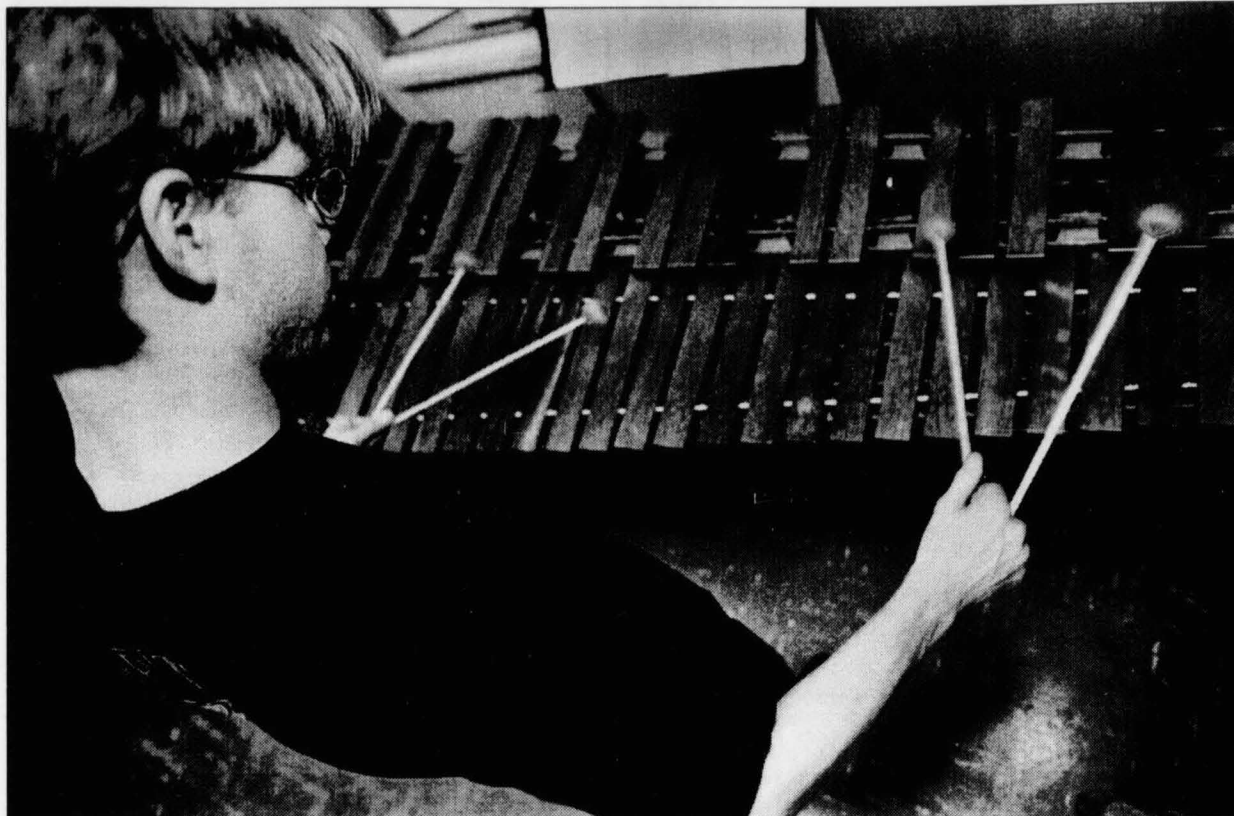
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McNamara said he encourages everyone to bring a Valentine's Day poem to read.

Two hundred to 400 people are expected to attend the event, according to McNamara.

"Our students will be there," social dance instructor Shifflett said. "Certainly."

## 'Practicing for life' ...



David Royal / Daily Staff

San Jose State University music major Christopher McLauren played the marimba Tuesday in Room 189 of the Music building. "We're practicing for life," said McLauren, who

has been playing for eight years. "We all want jobs in music and practicing is the best way."

## CONDOM: National Condom Week full of titillating surprises and events

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Week every year.

This year, the Peer Health Education Program, HIV/AIDS Committee and KSJS (90.5 FM) sponsored "Who Wants to be a Sexpert?" in the Student Union Amphitheater.

KSJS General Manager Nick Martinez hosted the event.

Martinez said the weather was the reason behind the low turnout.

He emphasized that the "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?"-based sketch used humor to talk about serious subjects.

Sexual awareness is an important subject for everyone, and "humor is the best way to do it," Martinez said.

Manish Gajria, a contestant in "Who Wants to be a Sexpert?" said he stopped by and decided to participate in the event.

Although the computer engineering graduate student didn't

win, Gajria said that it was a good event to hold often to improve awareness among students.

"Games make it more interesting," he said.

SJSU student Jacquelyn Vo said she saw people handing out free condoms but had no idea that National Condom Week existed.

"It was a good idea that they are promoting something beneficial (for students)," Vo said.

The Condom Olympics are scheduled to be held from 10 a.m.

to 2 p.m. today next to the Art quad.

Idelle Fraser, health coordinator at the Peer Health Education Program, said she organized games to test condom durability.

In "I've lost my marbles," participants will try to stuff as many marbles as they can into a condom, Fraser said.

Weather permitting, they will also try to play a "water condom toss" similar to the balloon-toss game, Fraser said.

## SEXPERT: The most prevalent STD for college students is genital warts

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with "Is that your final answer?"

The first contestant, Anthony Ricalde, a junior majoring in electrical engineering and music, was the only person to get all questions right.

Ricalde was stumped when asked how much the measles immunization at the Health Center costs.

After asking the audience, he answered "free," the correct answer.

Ricalde was given a choice of gift certificates from Krispy Kreme Donuts or Roberts Bookstore or the aforementioned basket of goods after answering all questions correctly.

Ricalde chose the basket and said he planned to give it to his girlfriend.

"I ran out of money for Valentine's Day," he said. "I'm going to give it to my girlfriend, or maybe I'll share it with her."

**"Most students can give you the facts, but they still don't practice safe sex."**

—Dr. Jeanne Scott, Student Health Center

Ricalde said the experience was informative and fun.

"They were questions that most people should know," he said. "I didn't know some of the answers. I've got to read more books. There should be more of this kind of stuff because it teaches people."

Some of the other questions contestants were asked to answer were: What bodily fluids transmit HIV? Answer: Blood, semen, breast milk and vaginal secretions.

What is the first sign of gonorrhea? Answer: Pain while urin-

ing.

What is the most prevalent sexually transmitted disease among students? Answer: Genital warts.

Put in order of occurrence the stages of syphilis. Answer: First, a lesion; second, a non-itchy skin rash; and third, central nervous system or brain damage.

Fraser said along with creating more sexual awareness, the program wanted to let students know about the resources at the health center.

"We're just trying to make students more aware that sex is a

responsibility," she said. "There are a lot of resources (at the health center) from counseling services to contraception services. They don't need to feel embarrassed or that they won't be helped."

Scott said although students know about safe sex techniques, they don't always practice them.

"Most students can give you the facts, but they still don't practice safe sex," Scott said. "They need to learn how to negotiate with partners about safe sex techniques. A lot of people come in for emergency STD treatment because they realize they did something they shouldn't have."

Fraser said the Peer Health Education Program will try to do another event along the same content lines later in the semester when the weather is warmer.

The program is scheduled to host the Condom Olympics at 11 a.m. today next to the Art quad.

## DANCE: English Society hosts fundraising event Friday in Barrett Ballroom

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said. "I like it."

Paul McNamara, president of the SJSU English Society and a ballroom dance instructor at the San Jose Sport Center, said he chose to teach those who want to attend the dance but don't know the steps.

McNamara said he does not plan to hire a live band for the dance.

Instead, he is going to hire a disc jockey.

Poetry is also scheduled to be read throughout the night.

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## Power shortage affects state colleges' fees, class schedules

SACRAMENTO (AP) — California's energy crisis could cause higher dormitory bills, fewer night and weekend classes at the state's public colleges, lawmakers learned Tuesday. Officials from the state's three college and university systems urged

the Legislature to provide them with extra money in the 2001-2002 state budget to keep their higher energy prices, particularly for natural gas, from hurting education. "It's impacting students, it's impacting learning, it's impacting budgets and it's impacting planning,"

said Ray Giles of the Community College League. The University of California paid \$26 million for natural gas last year and is expecting to pay at least \$60 million this year, said Mike Bocchicchio, UC assistant vice president for facilities.

UC has not decided whether to raise dormitory rates to reflect the higher cost of heating and cooling dorm rooms, he said. The UC dormitory system is designed to be self-supporting, he added. "I don't think it's fair to say we're just going to pass the costs along to

the dorm residents," said Assemblywoman Elaine Alquist, D-Santa Clara, chair of the committee. California State University's natural gas prices are expected to jump from \$8.7 million last year to \$27.6 million this year, said Assistant Vice Chancellor Patrick Drohan.

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# Spartans come back, annihilate Gaels 12-4

By D.S. Perez

DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Before the start of Tuesday's game against Saint Mary's College at Blethen Field, San Jose State University reserve infielder Kevin Frandsen had nothing in the statistic boxes, aside from three at-bats and five game appearances.

## Tuesday's Score

Saint Mary's	4
Spartans	12

Friday: SJSU vs. Fresno St. 7 p.m.

After replacing SJSU third baseman Patrick Wood in the fourth inning, Frandsen would play the role of the catalyst, knocking in his first hit — a single that brought in the game-winning run in the fifth inning giving the Spartans the lead at 5-4.

The Spartans would be content with the 5-4 lead until the eighth inning, when the team went on a romp, going through three St. Mary's pitchers while scoring seven runs on four hits.

When it was finished, SJSU emerged as the victor, beating the Gaels by a score of 12-4. The Spartans' potent offense forced the Gaels to play nine pitchers for the game.

"It's nice," Frandsen, a freshman, said of his game-winning play, all while holding the game-winning baseball his teammates gave him.

"It was a total team effort though. We were kind of dead at the beginning of this game. One thing just led to another, though, and we won."

Indeed, it was a domino-effect game, and one wherein

the Spartans (5-1-1) had to keep pace, said SJSU head coach Sam Piraro.

"That (final) score does not indicate how close this game was," Piraro said. "It was nip and tuck all the way through. Defensive letdowns put us behind the eight ball today. We had to fight back today."

St. Mary's (3-4) took the initial lead in the third inning when Gaels third baseman Mark Teahen scored on an error. The Spartans tied the game in the bottom of the third when Junior Ruiz's sacrifice brought in Gabe Lopez.

St. Mary's took the lead again in the fourth inning when Gaels shortstop Brett Wayne brought in a run via a rocket down the third baseline, which Wood was unable to play.

The Gaels would later add two more runs to take a 4-1 lead.

The Spartans would score two runs by the end of the fourth inning, cutting the Gaels advantage to 4-3. SJSU shortstop Ryan Adams hit a double that brought in Brandon Macchi and John Fagan.

Lopez finished the game with three hits and two RBIs. Macchi, Adams and Ryan Brucker all had two RBIs in the contest as well.

On the mound, Spartan pitcher Jeremy Rogelstad pitched three innings, struck out two and allowed four hits and a run. Mike Malott was the game's winning pitcher, but the Spartans' last two pitchers to see action, Matt Kauffman and Dave Fuqua, only allowed one hit in four innings of combined work.

For the Gaels, the team's only pitcher to see two innings of play was starter Mike Byr, who allowed one hit. St. Mary's

other eight pitchers did not fare as well, giving up a combined 11 hits and 12 earned runs.

Lopez said the reason the Spartan offense took off was because the team relaxed.

"We've been down before ... the dugout kept its composure today," Lopez said. "We got patient and did what we had to do. We put our bats to work, got the walks ... things started coming to us."

The 12-4 victory isn't enough to satisfy Piraro, however, who said he wishes the team could have played more games before taking on its first Western Athletic Conference opponent, Fresno State University.

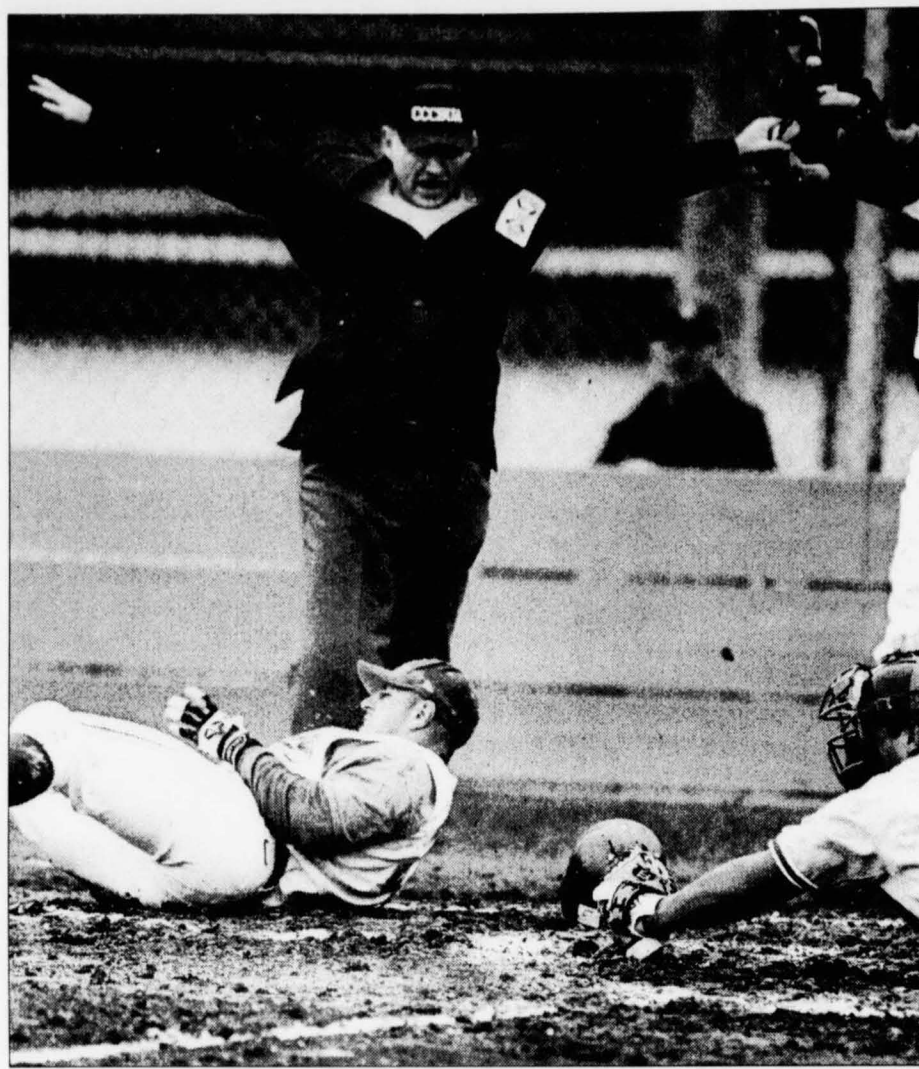
With its road games against Pepperdine and Cal Poly cancelled by rain, Piraro said the team has not had enough road experience. The team has only played the role of visitor in six of its 60 innings of play.

"I really wished we could have gotten some more road experience before playing Fresno State," Piraro said. "It's a disappointment. Now we have to play our first road games in a difficult place."

"But we have experienced players — some of these guys have played in the College World Series. They're used to playing in hostile environments, and they'll help the young players adjust to it."

The Spartans are scheduled to play the Fresno State Bulldogs in a three-game series, which starts Friday at Fresno in Beiden Field.

The Spartans' next home game is at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday against the University of San Francisco. The game will be played on Blethen Field, across from Municipal Stadium.



Troy Bayless / Daily Staff

Zack Zwissig, the Spartans' designated hitter, slid into home plate at Blethen Field on Tuesday. Zwissig contributed one run to the Spartans' 12-4 victory against Saint Mary's College.

## Softball team stung once by Hornets, fight back to earn split

STAFF REPORT

The Spartan softball team may have been manhandled by the No. 15 Stanford Cardinal on Sunday, but it took Cal State Sacramento 11 innings to defeat the Spartans 4-3 in the first game of a doubleheader Tuesday.

The Spartans were able to bounce back and shut out the Hornets in the second game.

Game one proved to be a pitcher's duel as the starting pitchers went deep into the game.

San Jose State University

Tuesday's Scores	
Game 1	
CS Sacramento	4
Spartans	3
Game 2	
CS Sacramento	0
Spartans	5

Saturday: SJSU vs. Santa Clara at noon

pitcher Christine Akin pitched eight and two-thirds innings, allowing seven hits and three

runs, while Hornet pitcher Nicole Deatheridge hurled an 11-inning, eight-hit complete game.

Sacramento scored the first run of the game in the bottom of the first inning on a double by Hornet catcher Patty Villa, allowing right fielder Amber Dragomir to score.

The Spartans answered back with a run of their own, as Spartan catcher Roxanne Staniorski singled to center, allowing shortstop Becca Baldrige to score and tie the game.

The score remained tied at 1-1 for the next six innings that sent the game overtime.

In the eighth, Hornet first baseman Jillian Bivert hit a two-out single to left that scored outfielder Arlette Sunseri, who was placed on second base at the beginning of the inning due to the International Tiebreaker rule.

SJSU battled back in the bottom half of the inning as Spartan right fielder Katie Gomes, who was also placed on second due to the tiebreaker rule, scored.

Both teams scored again in the ninth, making the score 3-3.

Both teams went down in order during the 10th, but it was the Hornets who stung the Spartans in the 11th.

Bivert, who was placed on second, scored on a single by Sacramento second baseman Lori Meixner, putting the Hornets out of the Spartans' grasp.

SJSU rebounded in the second game, however, and blanked Sacramento 5-0.

The game remained scoreless

until the bottom of the fourth inning, when the Spartans rallied to score two runs on three hits.

The fourth inning sparked SJSU's offense as it scored in the final two innings to defeat the Hornets.

The victory gave the Spartans a split in Tuesday's doubleheader, making their season record 4-7.

The Spartans look to improve their record Saturday when they are scheduled to face crosstown rival Santa Clara University at noon at the SJSU Field.

## Women's basketball team ends five-game losing streak, Parker named WAC player of the week

By Kevin Higuchi

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Friday's victory against the University of Nevada started a revival for the San Jose State University women's basketball team.

After a five-game skid, the Spartans managed to step up and pull off a 78-75 win against the Wolf Pack at the Event Center.

The game marked the Spartans' first home victory in the Western Athletic Conference this season.

In the victory, freshman guard Cricket Williams, who returned to the court after being sick, played for 26 minutes and had five assists.

The team continued its success Sunday defeating Fresno State University 73-59.

The win against Fresno State was SJSU's first defeat of the Bulldogs since 1994.

Against Fresno State, Williams, who leads the team in

assists, tied her own Event Center record with 12 assists.

"I'm extremely happy with the performance of the team," head coach Janice Richard said. "The defense was great."

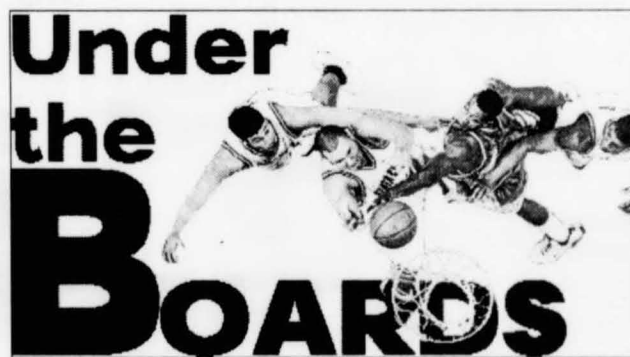
With the victories, SJSU moved up to seventh place with an overall record of 12-11 and a WAC record of 4-8.

The Spartans will be hitting the road this week seeking two more WAC victories, as they are scheduled to face Rice University on Friday in Houston and Southern Methodist University on Sunday in Dallas.

Richard said the team has been working on its defense.

Because the team lost to Rice earlier this year, the Spartans have been working on their half-court pressure defense.

"When we're on target with our defense and offense, we're going to be tough to beat ... here or anywhere," Richard said.



Atari Parker named WAC player of the week again

For the second time this season, junior guard Atari Parker was named WAC's Women's Basketball Player of the Week.

Parker is leading the team in

The award comes at the end of a week that saw Parker score 23 points and 24 points in consecutive games.

Her 23 points against Fresno State led all scorers and marked her revenge against the Bulldogs, for whom she played her freshman year.

### Men's team rebounds from loss to Bulldogs

The men's basketball team suffered its second loss to nationally ranked Fresno State in five days Thursday, but the Spartans were able to bounce back to defeat the University of Nevada 67-64 on Sunday in Reno.

Darnell Williams, who leads the team in rebounding, scored a game-high 17 points in the victory.

With a record of 11-11 overall and 3-8 in conference play, the Spartans are eighth place the WAC.

The team is scheduled to face Rice at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Southern Methodist University at 1 p.m. Sunday. Both games are at the Event Center.

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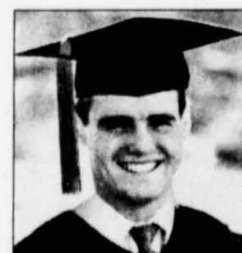
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